

## McCormick's Creek State Park

# August

Interpretive Center Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. **7 days a week!**

Look for our program schedules on the web: [www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/12066.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/12066.htm)

Our programs are free and open to the public after paying the park entrance fee. Please contact the Nature Center if you would like us to do a private program for your group- **812-829-4344**.

**\*\*Healthy Parks/Healthy People:** Look for HP/HP on the schedule to get "INshape" with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

**10:30 a.m. Geology of the Canyon:** Meet at the Fall Parking Lot. Hike with a naturalist to learn about one of our state park's natural beauties, the McCormick's Creek Falls Canyon.

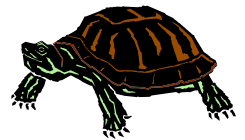
**2:30 p.m. Personal Petroglyphs:** Create rock drawings for games to play. Nature Center.

# WILD ABOUT WILDLIFE



## Saturday, August 2

### LIVE animal programs



### at the McCormick's Creek Nature Center!

**10:00 a.m. Hunt 'n Hide Safari-** Learn more about the relationships between predators and their prey as we take a closer look at a live *Eastern Cottontail Rabbit* and a *Broad-winged Hawk*!

**11:00 a.m. Flying Squirrels-** Here's your chance to meet a *Flying Squirrel* up close and learn about other native squirrels at McCormick's Creek State Park.

**1:00 p.m. Out-FOXed Safari-** Don't miss your chance to see Skylar, the *Arctic Fox*! Learn the story of Skylar and the importance of native foxes in Indiana. Special guest Stinker the *Striped Skunk* will also make an appearance!

**3:00 p.m. Reptiles of McCormick's Creek-** The Nature Center Staff will help you to identify reptiles and amphibians that are common to this park by taking a closer look at live snakes, turtles, and a toad.

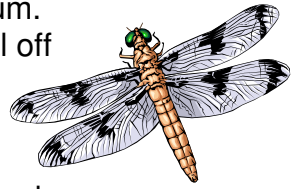
**7:00 p.m. Night Owls Safari-** Whoooo's calling? Visit with a *Eurasian Barn Owl* and *Eastern Screech Owl* and learn about Indiana's owls.

A special thanks to our program partner for this event: WildCare, Inc. is a non-profit wildlife rehabilitation center in Bloomington.



## SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

- 9:00 a.m. **Worship Service.** Non-denominational. Nature Center Auditorium.  
10:30 a.m. **Dragonfly 101:** Come to the Nature Center program room to cool off while learning about the mosquito hawks of summer!  
1:00 p.m. **Naturalist at Wolf Cave to answer questions**



## MONDAY, AUGUST 4

- 10:30 a.m. **Habitat Walk:** Meet at the Nature Center. Food, water, shelter, and space. That's what makes a habitat! \*\*perfect for kids!  
2:30 p.m. **Turtle Trot:** Nature Center. Are you a turtle lover? Stop by the nature center to meet a few of our resident turtles.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

- 10:30 a.m. **Nature's Medicine Cabinet-** Nature Center. Find several plants that are part of Nature's First Aid Kit and learn how to use them.  
2:30 p.m. **Squirrel World:** Nature Center. Join us in the nature center bird observation room to sneak a peek into the life of these acrobatic rodents!



## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

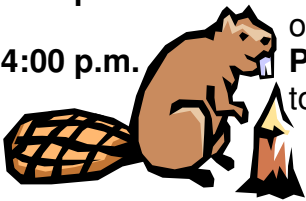
- 10:30 a.m. **CCC Fire tower hike:** Meet at the Canyon Inn front steps. Take trail four with a naturalist to climb the fire tower that was built by the CCC workers in the 1930s.  
2:30 p.m. **Cave Critter Activities-** Nature Center. Have you taken a hike to Wolf Cave? During this short program, we will learn about cave animals and their habitat.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

- 10:30 a.m. **1800s Homestead Hike-** Meet at the Nature Center. The land that is now McCormick's Creek State Park has a rich history. Learn about one of the first families to live and work on this land. Bring hiking shoes and water. 1 hour.  
2:30 p.m. **Whoooo's Who: Owl Program-** Nature Center. Learn the difference between the common owls of Indiana and their special adaptations to hunt at night.  
4:00 p.m. **Pool Program: Turkey Vultures-** Swimming in the pool? Visit a naturalist at the break to learn about the high flyers. Look up; they might be right above you.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

- 10:30 a.m. **Tree Walk-** Nature Center. Would you like to learn ten of the most common trees at McCormick's Creek State Park. Please join us!  
2:30 p.m. **Sssnakes at McCormick'ssss-** Nature Center. Take an especially close look at our Nature Center reptiles and learn about snakes you might see here.  
4:00 p.m. **Pool Program: Beavers-** Swimming in the pool? Visit a naturalist at the break to learn about beaver adaptations. Someone will be dressed like a beaver!



## SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

- 10:30 a.m. **Amazing Amphibians-** Nature Center. Come learn about the double life of some of our amazing amphibians; meet a toad up close and dress like a frog!  
1:00 p.m. **Naturalist at Wolf Cave to answer questions.**  
2:00 p.m. **Square dancing lessons with the campground hosts:** Swing your partner by the nature center program room to learn the basics with Ron and Anita Adamson.  
4:00 p.m. **Pool Program: Owls! -** Swimming in the pool? Visit a naturalist at the break for a short introduction to Indiana's owls!

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

- 9:00 a.m. **Worship Service.** Non-denominational. Nature Center Auditorium.

**2:30 p.m. Wild about Reptiles:** At the nature center we're wild about our resident reptiles!  
Come visit with snakes and turtles!

## MONDAY, AUGUST 11

**10:30 a.m. Fossil Frenzy-** Nature Center. Grinoids, brachiopods, chert nodules, and more!

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 12: PERSEID METEOR SHOWER PEAK NIGHT.

*Visit the Nature Center for more information on viewing meteors.*



**10:30 a.m. Mighty Meteors: What are they?** - Nature Center. During the Perseid Meteor shower, you have a chance to see hundreds of "shooting stars". What exactly are these "falling stars".

**2:30 p.m. ASTRONOMY BINGO!-** Nature Center. The whole family will enjoy playing bingo while we learn common astronomy terms. Prizes from our far-out galaxy!

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

**10:30 a.m. Life as a Butterfly-** Nature Center. We see the caterpillars are munching on many different host plants and the adults are flittering by as winged jewels, but what happens in between. Take a closer look at the life in a chrysalis or pupa!!

**2:30 p.m. Owl Pellets:** Nature Center. Dig in to find out what the owls have been eating!

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

**Sorry, no programs today... enjoy visiting the Nature Center.**



## FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

**10:30 a.m. Introduction to Invasives:** Nature Center. What is an invasive species? Why should we care?

**2:30 p.m. Sun Clocks-** Nature Center- Leave the watch at home? Make a sun clock to tell time!

**4:00 p.m. Pool Program: Snake Break:** Swimming in the pool today? Join a naturalist for the four o'clock break for a short introduction into the world of snakes!

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 16- FULL MOON TONIGHT!

**1:00 p.m. Naturalist at Wolf Cave to answer questions.**

**2:00 p.m. Square dancing lessons with the campground hosts:** Swing your partner by the nature center program room to learn the basics with Ron and Anita Adamson.

**4:00 p.m. Pool Program: Bee family.** Swimming in the pool? Come learn about the amazing honeybee family! Dress like a queen, drone, and worker bee!

**7:00 p.m. LIVE MUSIC at the Park Amphitheater: JENN CRISTY BAND -** Bring the whole family and enjoy the soulful rock/pop tunes of local Bloomington musician. Jenn Cristy, along with her three bandmates, are sure to liven up your evening!



**8:30 p.m. Lunar Night Walk-** Meet at the Canyon Inn front steps. After the band, join a naturalist for a hike to celebrate the August Full Moon which is also a partial Lunar Eclipse!

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

**9:00 a.m. Worship Service.** Non-denominational. Nature Center Auditorium.

**10:30 a.m. Hike to Peden Farmstead:** Meet at the Nature Center. The land that is now McCormick's Creek State Park has a rich history. Learn about one of the first families to live and work on this land. Bring hiking shoes and water. 1 hour

**1:00 p.m. Naturalist at Wolf Cave to answer questions**

## MONDAY, AUGUST 18

**10:30 a.m. Amazing Mammals!-** Nature Center program room. Sure you've seen a squirrel in the trees, a chipmunk scurrying, a raccoon in the campgrounds... learn more about these and other amazing mammals!



## TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

**10:30 a.m.**      **What's that SCAT?!**- Nature Center. Doo, poop, droppings, feces~all the names of scat! Learn all you ever wanted to know about identifying animals by their signs and scat.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

**2:30 p.m.**      **Bee Family!** Nature Center. What's it like to be a honeybee? Join us at the nature center to dress like a queen, a drone, and a worker bee!

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

**10:30 a.m.**      **CCC History Walk-** Meet at Canyon Inn front steps. Hard-working CCC men in the 1930's built trails, shelters, and made a lifelong impact on McCormick's Creek State Park.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

**2:30 p.m.**      **Active Amphibians!-** Nature Center. An amphibian leads a double life! It's not magic, it's metamorphosis! Learn more about frogs, toads, and salamanders!

**4:00 p.m.**      **Pool Program: Owl Pellet Dissection-** Swimming in the pool? Join a naturalist for the pool break to find out what the owls have been eating...

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

**10:30 a.m.**      **Sassafras Beads-** Nature Center. Learn the art of making beads out of local sassafras twigs! Finish a bracelet, necklace, or keychain to take home with you.

**1:00 p.m.**      **Naturalist at Wolf Cave to answer questions.**

**2:00 p.m.**      **Square dancing lessons with the campground hosts:** Swing your partner by the nature center program room to learn the basics with Ron and Anita Adamson.

**4:00 p.m.**      **Pool Program- Crazy Fish!-** Swimming in the pool? Join a naturalist for the pool break to find out more about those crazy fish swimming in the creek.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

**9:00 a.m.**      **Worship Service.** Non-denominational. Nature Center Auditorium.

**10:30 a.m.**      **Hike to the Pawpaw Patch!-** Meet at the Nature Center. The Indiana banana is out, can we find them before the critters do?!

**1:00 p.m.**      **Naturalist at Wolf Cave to answer questions.**

### MONDAY, AUGUST 25

**2:30 p.m.**      **Turtle Time:** Visit a spiny soft shell and a red-eared slider in person! These ancient reptiles have been around since before the dinosaurs!

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

**10:30 a.m.**      **Slithery snakes!** Like snakes? Stop by the nature center to visit our resident snakes and even get the chance to touch one!



### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

**2:30 p.m.**      **Cave Critter Activities-** Nature Center. Have you taken a hike to Wolf Cave? During this short program, we will learn about cave animals and their habitat.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

**10:30 a.m.**      **Tale of the Quarrymen Hike-** Meet at the Canyon Inn front steps. Look at the life of a quarry worker in the late 1800's by looking at clues from the Statehouse Quarry area with a naturalist. 1.5 hours.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

**11:30 a.m.**      **Insect Kite Make n' Take--\$1.00 suggested donation per kite.** Nature Center. For reservations, call 812-829-4344. Remaining tickets available at the Nature Center on day of workshop.

**4:00 p.m.**      **Pool Program: Turtle Time-** Swimming in the pool? Join a naturalist at the pool break to see our resident aquatic turtles.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 30- LABOR DAY WEEKEND!

**11:30 a.m.**      **Nature Craft: Gourd Bird House Workshop! —\$5.00/gourd.** Nature Center. Create a classy condo for wrens or other small birds to nest in. For paid

reservations, call 812-829-4344. Remaining tickets available at the Nature Center on day of workshop.

**1:00 p.m. Naturalist at Wolf Cave to answer questions.**

**2:00 p.m. Square dancing lessons with the campground hosts:** Swing your partner by the nature center program room to learn the basics with Ron and Anita Adamson.

**4:00 p.m. Pool Program: Snakeesss!-** Swimming in the pool? Join a naturalist at the pool break to see our resident black rat snake!

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 31- LABOR DAY WEEKEND!**

**9:00 a.m. Worship Service.** Non-denominational. Nature Center Auditorium.

**10:30 a.m. Reptiles and Amphibians of McCormick's Creek-** Nature Center. Learn more about the common cold-blooded critters in this area.

**1:00 p.m. Naturalist at Wolf Cave to answer questions.**